

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith following the Oath/Declaration.

Please replace paragraph [0001] on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/187,906 ~~09/187,907~~, filed November 6, 1998, which was a continuation-in-part of PCT/US97/07726, filed May 7, 1997, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/017,427, filed May 8, 1996; 60/019,300, filed June 7, 1996; 60/021,859, filed July 16, 1996; 60/023,444, filed August 23, 1996; and 60/043,533, filed April 11, 1997.

Please replace paragraph [0025] on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGURE 3A is a comparison of the nucleotide sequence of human RetL1 (upper line of sequence; nucleotides 1-1681 of SEQ ID NO:10) with that of rat RetL1 sequence (lower line of sequence; nucleotides 143-1832 of SEQ ID NO:1). Vertical lines between nucleotides show identity at a position, while a dot indicates a gap at that position.

Please replace paragraph [0026] on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGURE 3B is a comparison of the amino acid sequence of human RetL1 (upper line of sequence; SEQ ID NO:11) with that of rat RetL1 sequence (lower line of sequence; SEQ ID NO:2). Vertical lines between corresponding amino acids show identity at a residue, while a dot indicates a conservative substitution at that residue.

Please replace paragraph [0032] on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGURE 8 is a comparison of the amino acid sequence of human RetL2 (upper line of sequence; SEQ ID NO:13) with that of human RetL1 sequence (lower line of sequence; amino

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acid residues 1-454 of SEQ ID NO:11). Vertical lines between amino acids show identity at a position, while a dot indicates a gap at that position.